In the claims:

For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are presented below with changes. Please cancel claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-17 and 19-26 without prejudice.

1-30.   (Cancelled)

31.   (New) a handheld computing device comprising:

an information display; and

a calendar to be displayed on the information display, wherein an image representing characteristic environmental conditions for a location at a selected time is associated with a calendar entry to be displayed on the information display.

32.   (New) The device of claim 31 wherein the environmental conditions are comprised from a group consisting of percentage of maximum daylight, sunrise, sunset, phase of the moon, tide height, wave height, wind speed, probability of precipitation, weather conditions.

33.   (New) The device of claim 31 wherein the environmental conditions a percentage of maximum daylight.

34.   (New) The device of claim 33, wherein the brightness of the information display is varied to correspond to the percentage of maximum daylight associated with two or more times for the calendar entry.

35.   (New) The device of claim 34, wherein a first calendar entry time has a first brightness corresponding to a first percentage of maximum daylight and a second calendar entry time has a second brightness corresponding to a second percentage of maximum daylight.

36.   (New) The device of claim 33, wherein the information display intensity is varied to correspond to the percentage of maximum daylight associated with two or more times for the calendar entry.

37.   (New) The device of claim 36, wherein a first calendar entry time has a first display background intensity level corresponding to a first percentage of maximum daylight and a second calendar entry time has a second display background intensity level corresponding to a second percentage of maximum daylight.

38.   (New) A method comprising:

    determining a characteristic environmental condition for a location at a selected time;

    associating the characteristic environmental condition with a calendar entry;

    associating the characteristic environmental condition with an image; and

    displaying the image of the characteristic environmental condition on an information display.

39. (New) The method of claim 38 wherein the environmental condition is comprised from a group consisting of percentage of maximum daylight, sunrise, sunset, phase of the moon, tide height, wave height, wind speed, probability of precipitation, weather conditions.

40. (New) The method of claim 38 wherein the environmental condition comprises a percentage of maximum daylight.

41. (New) The method of claim 40 further comprising:

associating a first time of the calendar entry with a first percentage of maximum daylight; and

associating a second time of the calendar entry with a second percentage of maximum daylight.

42. (New) The method of claim 41 further comprising:

associating a first display brightness level with the first percentage of maximum daylight; and

associating a second display brightness level with the second percentage of maximum daylight.

43. (New) The method of claim 42 further comprising:

displaying the first brightness level in association with the first time of the calendar entry; and

displaying the second brightness level in association with the second time of the calendar entry.

44. (New) The method of claim 41 further comprising:

associating a first display background intensity level with the first percentage of maximum daylight; and

associating a second display background intensity level with the second percentage of maximum daylight.

45. (New) The method of claim 44 further comprising:

displaying the first background intensity level in association with the first time of the calendar entry; and

displaying the second background intensity level in association with the second time of the calendar entry.

46. (New) A computer readable medium containing executable computer program instructions, which when executed by a data processing system, cause the data processing system to perform a method to display a variable on an information display, comprising:

determining a characteristic environmental condition for a location at a selected time;

associating the characteristic environmental condition with a calendar entry;

associating the characteristic environmental condition with an image; and

displaying the image of the characteristic environmental condition on an information display.

47. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 46 wherein the environmental condition is comprised from a group consisting of percentage of maximum daylight, sunrise, sunset, phase of the moon, tide height, wave height, wind speed, probability of precipitation, weather conditions.

48. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 46 wherein the environmental condition comprises a percentage of maximum daylight.

49. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 48 further comprising:
    associating a first time of the calendar entry with a first percentage of maximum daylight; and
    associating a second time of the calendar entry with a second percentage of maximum daylight.

50. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 49 further comprising:
    associating a first display brightness level with the first percentage of maximum daylight; and
    associating a second display brightness level with the second percentage of maximum daylight.

51.   (New) The computer readable medium of claim 50 further comprising:

displaying the first brightness level in association with the first time of the

calendar entry; and

displaying the second brightness level in association with the second time of the

calendar entry.

52.   (New) The computer readable medium of claim 49 further comprising:

associating a first display background intensity level with the first percentage of

maximum daylight; and

associating a second display background intensity level with the second

percentage of maximum daylight.

53.   (New) The computer readable medium of claim 52 further comprising:

displaying the first background intensity level in association with the first time of

the calendar entry; and

displaying the second background intensity level in association with the second

time of the calendar entry.